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109th Regiment: Second in command, Major John Harris, formerly of the 256th Battalion, but who was retained in Canada to take this post; adjutant and assistant paymaster, Lieut. W. T. Cooper; captain in command of company, Capt. C. H. Fleming; second in command of company, Lieut. N. C. Pearce; lieutenants, G. H. Catton, E. H. Day, D. F. M. Galbraith, and A. H. Goodman.

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September 6th.1916

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of Management of this Board to ask you to be so good as to give me some information in reference to the Western University of London, Ontario.

Previous to the publication of the report of the Carnegie Foundation the Western University was included amongst the list of Universities recognised by this Board for medical study, and graduates of the University were admitted direct to our Final Examination. After the publication of the Report in question this Board removed the Western University from the list of recognised institutions, not solely on account of the Report, but in consequence of enquiries which were then made about the University.

An application has now come from the Western University through the Commissioner's Office, asking that the University may be replaced on the list of recognised institutions and supplying a considerable amount of information showing the attempts which have been made to improve the equipment and the standard of teaching.

My Committee feel some difficulty in arriving at a conclusion from the information supplied, and they are anxious to obtain information on the following points:-

1. Is it your practice to give equivalent standing to a student of Medicine from the Western University who applies to be admitted to the University of Toronto?
2. Can you say whether in your opinion the standard of Medical education at that University is now such as to be acceptable generally in Canada as a minimum standard of qualification in Medicine?
3. Do you consider that the University is reasonably equipped in regard to teachers, buildings and apparatus, as to justify the reinstatement of the University on our list?

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The Committee desire me to say that they fully realise they are asking a great deal of you in requesting you to reply to these enquiries, but they believe that no information is likely to be obtained of so valuable a nature as that you can give them. I need hardly say that any information you give me for the benefit of my Committee will be treated in absolute confidence.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Frederic G. Hallett

Secretary.

September 20th, 1910

F. C. Hallett, Esq.,

Secretary, Examining Board, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons,

8-11 Queen Square, Bloomsbury, London, W.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 6th asking me on behalf of the Committee of Management of your Board to give you certain information with reference to the Western University of London, Ontario. As you realise it is a very delicate situation for me to be placed in, and on my own responsibility I could hardly venture to give the information, but if you will kindly wait for a short time I hope to be able to state something authoritatively which will be of help to you.

The University of Toronto has been considering the possibility of granting recognition to the medical students of the Western University and as a preliminary the Faculty has appointed a Committee to visit London and satisfy themselves as to the equipment and status of the Western University. This Committee will, I hope, do their work some time during the present autumn, and as soon as they report to me I shall be glad to write to you and give you any information that I am able to forward with regard to the questions that you ask.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 27th, 1916

F. G. Hallett, Esq.,

Secretary, Examining Board,

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Dear Sir:

I am glad to report to you in accordance with my promise that a deputation from our University visited the Western University at London, Ontario, last week and made a thorough inspection of what they were doing. They find that they have limited classes and that the work in the primary years is conducted by professors of the very best stamp with fair equipment, and who they think are able to provide on the average as good a training in the primary years as we do in the University of Toronto. Naturally there are not the same opportunities for the final years as we can provide in our large city with its excellent hospital advantages. The Hospital in London, however, is a really good one but with a comparatively limited number of beds and on the whole good equipment.

Some departments of the Hospital are not what they should be, as for instance there is no adequate outpatient department, the nose and throat department is not sufficiently provided for, and the obstetrical wards are too small.

On the report of our Committee, however, our University will probably accept their students at the close of their primary year and

admit them as regular students for our clinical work. I judge that the report is on the whole quite favourable.

Yours sincerely,

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October 2nd. 1916

Dear Sir,

I write to thank you for your most kind letter of the 20th. ult. I am sure my Committee will greatly appreciate the suggestion you make, namely to supply us with information when your own Committee has completed its enquiries.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Dr. R.A. Falconer,
President.